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Plaintiff

DEFENDANT'S SENTENCING MEMORANDUM

V.

Case 3:21-cr-00274-BR

ROWAN McMANIGAL

Defendant

Defendant, Rowan McManigal hereby submits this memorandum in support of an appropriate sentence for a very young woman who has no criminal history. The Presentence investigation confirms what the parties agreed to: that the felony conviction and probation is

sufficient and appropriate to accomplish the goals of federal sentencing. Prison time does not add to the goals of federal sentencing and in fact is inappropriate due to Ms. McManigal's gender identity. Ms. McManigal recently transitioned to female from her birth status of male. Being a transgender woman puts her at extreme risk of physical and psychological harm if incarcerated. I have attached the following article to this memorandum INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF TRANSGENDERISM 2019, VOL. 20, NO. 1, 4–20 https://doi.org/10.1080/15532739.2018.1538838. Prison is a mentally and physically stressful place. Ms. Mc-Manigal is a physically slight woman and very timid. She will be very vulnerable in prison and likely exploited sexually, physically and financially.

Not to minimize Ms. McManigal's conduct but the label was a relatively crudely drawn HazMat label. Precision HazMat graphics are easily assessable on the internet (see attached). Also the building was not evacuated and the hoax device was placed in a room that was close by law enforcement officers. Ms. McManigal has admitted culpability but these facts are offered to mitigate the offense.

The guidelines are of course advisory. Under 18 USC. 3553(a) the court shall impose a sentence sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to comply with the purposes set forth in paragraph (2) of this

subsection. The court, in determining the particular sentence to be imposed, shall consider

(1) the nature and circumstances of the offense and the history and characteristics of the de-

fendant;

(2) the need for the sentence imposed A) to reflect the seriousness of the offense, to pro-

mote respect for the law, and to provide just punishment for the offense;

(B) to afford adequate deterrence to criminal conduct;

(C) to protect the public from further crimes of the defendant;

and

(D) to provide the defendant with needed educational or vocational training, medical care, or

other correctional treatment in the most effective manner;

Ms. McManigal, according the police reports, was cooperative with law enforcement at

the time of her interview. Ms. McManigal has been in compliance with her supervised re-

leased. It is respectfully requested that this Court follow the well negotiated resolut

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# Experiences of transgender prisoners and their knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding sexual behaviors and HIV/STIs: A systematic review

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#### **ABSTRACT**

**Background:** Despite transgender people being more visible in prison systems, research suggests they are at higher risk of experiencing sexual violence compared to other prisoners. Research also suggests that transgender prisoners experience harassment, and physical and sexual assault by fellow prisoners, and prison officers who lack transgender-specific health knowledge. There exist no systematic reviews on the experiences of transgender people in prisons. This review aims to fill this research gap. The following question developed in consultation with transgender, sexual health/HIV and corrective services stakeholders has guided the systematic review: What are transgender and gender-diverse prisoners' experiences in various prison settings and what are their knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding sexual behaviors and HIV/STIs?

**Methods:** The review followed the PRISMA guidelines and searches were conducted in four databases for the period of January 2007 to August 2017. Studies were assessed against predetermined inclusion and exclusion criteria. Included studies were peer-reviewed, written in English with online full-text availability and reported data on transgender and gender-diverse prisoner experiences relevant to the research question.

**Results:** Eleven studies (nine qualitative, one quantitative, one mixed-methods; nine in USA, two in Australia) met the criteria for review. Four studies were of high quality, six were of good/acceptable quality, and one study was of modest quality. Transgender and gender-diverse prisoners reported a range of challenges which included sexual assault, discrimination, stigma, harassment, and mistreatment. Information on their sexual health and HIV/STIs knowledge, attitudes, practices is in short supply. Also, their lack of access to gender-affirming, sexual health/STIs and mental health services is commonplace.

**Conclusions:** The experiences of transgender prisoners as reported in this review are almost uniformly more difficult than other prisoners. Their "otherness" is used as a weapon against them by fellow prisoners through intimidation and violence (including sexual) and by prison officers through neglect and ignorance.

#### **KEYWORDS**

Gender-diverse; HIV; incarceration; lived experiences; prison officers; sexual coercion; transgender; vulnerable group

#### Introduction

Within prison populations, the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and the National Standards to Prevent, Detect and to Respond to Prison Rape: Final Rule (PREA) in the United States of America (USA) identify transgender prisoners as a "vulnerable group" and "vulnerable inmates" (Atabay, 2009; Gatherer, Atabay, & Hariga, 2014; U.S. Department of Justice, 2012), as their

"appearance or manner" do not "conform to traditional gender expectations" (U.S Department of Justice, 2012). This vulnerability also reflects the high prevalence of physical and sexual violence transgender and gender-diverse people experience outside the prison system (Blondeel et al., 2018). Due to their "heightened risk of discrimination and abuse in the closed [prison] environment... [and] being at high risk of rape, they are also at high risk of acquiring HIV/AIDS



in prisons" (Gatherer et al., 2014). The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/ AIDS [UNAIDS] (2015) define transgender as follows:

Transgender is an umbrella term to describe people whose gender identity and expression does not conform to the norms and expectations traditionally associated with their sex at birth. Transgender people include individuals who have received gender reassignment surgery, individuals who have received gender-related medical interventions other than surgery (e.g., hormone therapy) and individuals who identify as having no gender, multiple genders or alternative genders. Transgender individuals may selfidentify as transgender, female, male, transwoman or transman, transsexual, hijra, kathoey, waria or one of many other transgender identities, and they may express their genders in a variety of masculine, feminine and/or androgynous ways. (UNAIDS, 2015)

It is recognized that prisoners are at higher risk for acquiring HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs; Das & Horton, 2016; Todts, 2014) due to underfunded and overcrowded prisons (Baral et al., 2013), limited provision of condoms/dental dams (Mahon, 1996), and unprotected sex, risky sexual practices, and sexual violence (Banbury, 2004; Saliu & Akintunde, 2014; Todts, 2014; UNAIDS, 2014). Unsafe injection practices (Saliu & Akintunde, 2014), very limited provision of syringes/needles (Stoove, 2016), unsafe tattooing practices (Goyer & Gow, 2001a, 2001b; UNAIDS, 2014), discriminatory criminal justice systems and insufficient knowledge about effective preventative measures, care and support services (Beyrer, Kamarulzaman, & McKee, 2016; Das & Horton, 2016; WHO, 2016) contribute to higher risk. These risks to transgender prisoners, especially women, magnified transgender are considerably given they are commonly housed with cisgender men (Gatherer et al., 2014; United Nations Development Programme et al., 2016). For example, in the USA the classification of transgender inmates is frequently based on visual inspection of their genitalia upon intake, therefore pre-operative transgender women are placed in cisgender male prison housing according to sex assigned at birth irrespective of their gender identity (Routh et al., 2017; Scott, 2013).

gay, In recent years, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning intersex (LGBTIQ+) issues have gained legal and human rights acknowledgement in some (mainly Western) countries (Brömdal, 2008; Carroll & Mendos, 2017; Chiam, Duffy, & Gil, 2017; UK, 2010; International Government of Commission of Jurists, 2007; Transgender Europe, 2017). This raised awareness has resulted in initial moves to incorporate explicit policies and procedures to manage transgender prisoners within some more progressive prison systems (Australian Human Rights Commission, 2015; Blight, 2000; Carr, McAlister, & Serisier, 2016; Correctional Service Canada, 2017; Corrections Victoria Commissioner, 2017; Corrective Services NSW, 2015; Jenness, Maxson, Matsuda, & Sumner, 2007b; Ministry of Justice, 2016; National Institute of Corrections, 2013; National LGBTI Health Alliance, 2012; Queensland Corrective Services, 2017; UNAIDS, 2014; White Hughto et al., 2018; Wilson et al., 2017). Despite these recent acknowledgements, research suggests that prisoners who transgress heteronormative sex, sexuality and gender boundaries are at higher risk of experiencing bullying, violence, harassment, coercion, and sexual assault compared to other prisoners (Atabay, 2009; Australian Human Rights Commission, 2015; Blight, 2000; Carr et al., 2016; Dunn, 2013; Gatherer et al., 2014; Grant et al., 2011; Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2014; Jenness, Maxson, Matsuda, & Sumner, 2007a; Jenness et al., 2007b; Meyer et al., 2017; National LGBTI Health Alliance, 2012; UNAIDS, 2014; White Hughto et al., 2018; Wilson et al., 2017). For example, lesbian, gay, and bisexual prisoners are more likely to experience sexual assault than their heterosexual counterparts (from other inmates), and the likelihood is even greater for transgender women inmates (Beck, Berzofsky, Caspar, & Krebs, 2013; Blight, 2000; Clark et al., 2017; Carr et al., 2016; Jenness et al., 2007b; Oparah, 2012; von Dresner, Underwood, Suarez, & Franklin, 2013; White Hughto et al., 2018; Wilson et al., 2017). In a 2007 study, Jenness and colleagues reported that "sexual assault is 13 times more prevalent among transgender inmates, with 59% reporting being sexually assaulted while in a Californian prison" (Jenness et al., 2007b).

Other prisoners contribute to a large proportion of the violence, abuse, harassment and assault that transgender prisoners experience while in prison. However, a 2011 study of 6,454 transgender and gender non-conforming people in the USA found that among the 749 transgender women whom had been incarcerated, 38% reported they had been harassed, 9% physically assaulted, and 7% sexually assaulted by prison officers or staff (Grant et al., 2011). Similarly, transgender inmates from minority ethnic backgrounds experienced heightened prison officer harassment and physical or sexual assault compared to their Caucasian counterparts (Grant et al., 2011). Further, prison officers and health staff members often lack transgender-specific health knowledge, and regularly deny them general health care (Clark et al., 2017; Grant et al., 2011; Mullens et al., 2017; White Hughto et al., 2018).

Prison management and prison officers often play an important role in providing a safe, secure, and humane living environment that promotes the health and well-being of transgender inmates (United Nations Development Programme et al., 2016). However, providing a safe and secure living environment requires comprehensive policies and training for prison staff regarding how to treat, manage and support transgender prisoners consistent with anti-discrimination legal frameworks (Grant et al., 2011; Jenness et al., 2007a, 2007b; Sevelius & Jenness, 2017; White Hughto et al., 2018; Wilson et al., 2017). Despite the recent legal and policy acknowledgements in wider society and prison systems in a few countries (e.g., the USA, Australia, the UK, Italy, Canada), no systematic reviews known to the authors to date exist regarding the experiences of transgender prisoners (i.e., living conditions/ environment; treatment by prisoners and correctional staff; availability of gender affirming health care; and housing) and their knowledge, attitudes, practices concerning sexual behaviors and HIV/STIs transmission, while incarcerated. Originally it was planned to replicate the review process for prison officers however only three studies were uncovered, and it was felt that

generalizability of findings would not be informative nor valid and was therefore not progressed as a second research aim.

The results from this systematic review will likely be of significant benefit to prison management and staff and transgender prisoner community members. Review and synthesis of findings may likely lead to better appreciation of the relevance in developing and/or enhancing educational programs, health promotion and policy procedures aimed at improving the lives of transgender prisoners while incarcerated. Through "best practice" strategies (Sevelius & Jenness, 2017) this review also aims to more effectively prepare prison staff for their roles in managing transgender prisoners, and also to enhance prisoners' security, safety, health, and wellbeing.

#### **Review question**

The following question developed in consultation with transgender, sexual health/HIV and corrective services stakeholders has guided the systematic review: What are transgender and genderdiverse prisoners' experiences in different prison settings and what are their knowledge, attitudes, and practices regarding sexual behaviors and HIV/STIs?

#### Method

The systematic review was developed following **PRISMA** statement recommendations (Moher, Liberati, Tetzlaff, & Altman, 2009). The review protocol was registered with PROSPERO; registration number CRD42017073932 (http:// www.crd.york.ac.uk/PROSPERO/display\_record. php?ID=CRD42017073932). Each stage of the methodology was completed by two independent reviewers, TP and AB; and where discrepancies arose, reviewers AM and JG were consulted. The results of the search and progression of screening for the research question are displayed in Figure 1.

#### Search strategy

The collection period occurred in August 2017. Searches were conducted in EBSCOhost MegaFile

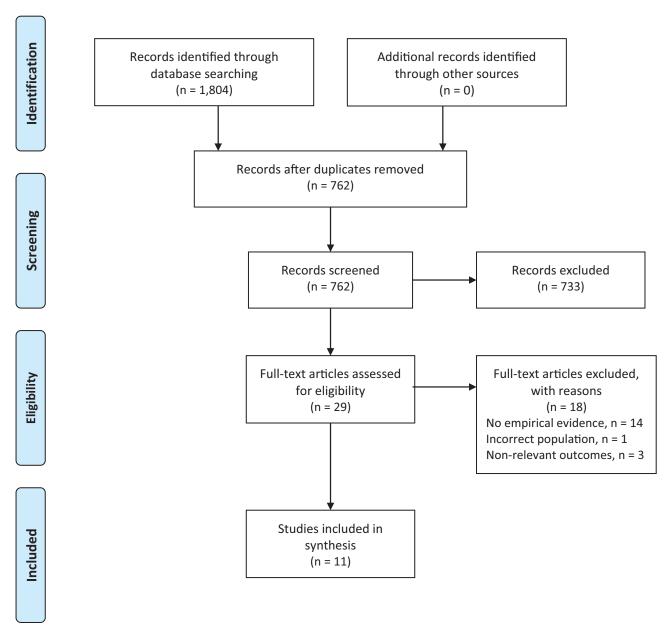


Figure 1. PRISMA flow diagram of review search.

Ultimate, US National Library of Medicine National Institute of Health (PubMed), Web of Science Core Collection, and Scopus. Further, manual search of reference lists from eligible articles were conducted, consultation with experts in the field and identified authors or studies known to the review team were included. The search strategy included the terms "transgender" and "gender-diverse" populations, "prisoners", "prison", "prison officers", and related synonyms (the full search strategy is available at https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/PROSPEROFILES/73932\_STRATEGY\_20170808.pdf). The search terms

were adapted for use within each database in combination with database-specific filters/limiters.

#### Eligibility criteria

Eligible publications were peer-reviewed journal articles and e-book chapters written in English, available online for full-text download and published between January 2007 and August 2017. The specific publication period was selected as the non-binding Yogyakarta Principles were formulated in 2007, which set out for the first time the "Principles on the Application of

International Human Rights Law in Relation to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity" (International Commission of Jurists, 2007). Specifically, Principle 9 which addresses a person's human right to maintain dignity while incarcerated, stating "sexual orientation and gender identity are integral to each person's dignity" (International Commission of Jurists, 2007).

Studies were included if they met the following criteria:

- 1. The population studied were transgender and/or gender-diverse prisoners whom were incarcerated (including recently released); and
- 2. Data were reported on outcome measures relating to the research question under review.

Studies were excluded if they reported on transgender and gender-diverse persons whom had never been incarcerated, were reviews/ literature reviews, conference abstracts, editorials, newspaper articles, opinions, preface, and brief communications, not accessible online in full text, not written in English or published earlier than 2007.

#### Screening

was Screening conducted in three stages: identification and removal of duplicate items, title and abstract screening, and full text screening. The initial screen identified duplicate items and they were removed accordingly. Reviewers TP and AB independently screened title/abstract against the inclusion criteria to determine eligibility for full text screening. Where eligibility was unclear from title/abstract, the full text was reviewed to establish eligibility. AM and JG confirmed eligibility, quality of articles and content of the data extraction.

#### Study quality

To assess the quality and strength of included studies, and reduce bias, the Critical Appraisal Skills Programme checklist for qualitative and cohort studies was applied (Critical Appraisal Skills Programme, 2017a, 2017b). Each study method received a quality rating corresponding

to the number of quality criteria met, where high quality studies were awarded a score of five, good scored four, acceptable scored three, and modest scored two.

#### Strategy for data synthesis

The findings of included studies are reported as a systematic narrative synthesis that is consistent with PRISMA preferred reporting criteria, as a meta-analysis was not feasible (Shamseer et al., 2015). Information is presented in a results table and a synthesis textual approach to "tell the story" of included studies was employed (Popay et al., 2006). This is complemented with a qualitative descriptive methodology, as a meaningful description of the unique conditions experienced by transgender and gender-diverse prisoners was desired (Lambert & Lambert, 2012). The story of the findings is structured around transgender and gender-diverse prisoners' experiences in different prison settings and their knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding sexual behaviors and HIV/STIs. Further, the narrative synthesis compares and contrasts findings both within and between included studies.

#### Results

The initial electronic search of the databases resulted in a total of 1,804 references. After the removal of 1,042 duplicate records, the title and abstract of remaining 762 records were screened against the inclusion and exclusion criteria to determine full-text screening eligibility. Of the 29 eligible articles, a total of 18 full-text articles were excluded while 11 (Figure 1) met these criteria and formed the final sample. No e-books were included. Data were extracted from each article to obtain structural information and content, year and place of publication, research methodology, number and description of study participants, and main results (Table 1).

#### Study quality

The evidence reviewed was generally of moderate to high quality. The quality ratings for included studies are presented in Table 1. Four studies

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Table 1. Characteristics of reviewed studies (n=11).

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Limitations	Limited representation of transgender individuals in sample. Outcome variables included data three months prior to last incarceration.	Naturalistic, observational design with a convenience sample is not generalizable to wider transgender inmate population.
Key findings	Majority of transgender individuals had access to HIV treatment in prison, only one did not.  Transgender sexual risk behaviors: exchange sex was sig. higher for transgender women compared to women; condomless sex preincarceration revealed majority (60%) transgender individuals engaged in safe sex.	Frequent complaints of limited access to transgender health care and lack of competent evaluations for gender identity disorder/gender dysphoria diagnosis.  Auto-castration had been attempted or completed by six inmates, which is a complication of untreated gender identity disorder.  Frequent reports of sexual and physical abuse of transgender population. Suicidality linked to gender dysphoria feelings/frustrations were spontaneously reported by 8%, which is low and may be explained by the naturalistic design of
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Sexual behaviors KAP	۵	Å Å
Prisoner experiences	1	Yes
Study design	Larger study randomized, controlled, longitudinal trial. Stratified by gender. Feasibility and efficacy evaluation.	Naturalistic, observational design. Unsolicited letters from transgender inmates to editor of Trans in Prison Journal.
Housing	30% District of Columbia central detention facility or correctional treatment facility. 70% Community or outreach member with recent incarceration.	24 States: Department of Correction prisons or Federal Bureau of Prisons.
Population	n = 110  HIV infected individuals 64  men 6 women 20 transgender women Age M = 40 years (SD = 10.5) Ethnicity 85% Black 4% White 1% Hispanic 10% Other Sexual orientation of transgender women 45% Heterosexual 45% Heterosexual	n = 129 125 Transgender women 1 Transgender man 3 Intersex
Country and location	USA, Washington, DC	USA,
Author, year and QR	Qualitative studies (n = Beckwith et al. (2017) QR = high	Brown (2014) QR = acceptable

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Limitations	Self-selection bias as only participants willing to be voice recorded were included. Selection of male correctional facilities only excluded representation of transgender men, thus only generalizable to HIV positive transgender women or gender queer population.	Gender identity characteristics were not reported. Not generalizable to other prisons populations outside K6G.	Gender authenticity was not ascribed by all transgender prisoners.
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/ AP Key findings	HN Tra	Strategic segregation of sexual minorities in K6G increased inmate subjective experience of safety from physicassault, sexual assault sexual harassment. Inmates "subjectively feel safer" (p. 47) in K6G compared to general	Тга
HIV/ STI KAP	КАР	1	KAP
Sexual behaviors KAP	I	KAP	KAP
Prisoner experiences	Yes	Yes	Yes
Study design	Ethnographic (social interaction) approach. Semistructured in-depth face-to-face recorded interviews.	Observational design. In-depth structured one-on-one recorded interviews with random sample.	Face-to-face interviews. Self-report data Official data. Drawn from a larger project.
Housing	6 Community HIV Clinics: 5 University of Illinois Chicago, HIV Community Clinic Network and field stations of the Community Outreach Intervention Projects. 1 Corrections Continuity Clinic operated by Ruth M. Rothstein CORE Center.	Los Angeles County Jail, segregated K6G Unit.	27 California prisons for men.
Population	n = 42 38 HIV + men 4 HIV + transgender women or gender queer Recently released from male correctional centers Age M = 38.5 years (5D = 10.7) Ethnicity 88% Black 4% White 2% Hispanic 4% Other	n = 32 Transgender women and MSM Ethnicity 39.4% Black 27.3% White 30.3% Latino 2.89% Other	n = 315 Transgender women
Country and location	USA, Illinois	USA, California	USA, California
Author, year and QR	Culbert (2014) QR = high	Dolovich (2011) QR = acceptable	Jenness and Fenstermaker (2014) QR = modest

Sample bias prisoners who were illiterate or had poor writing ability were excluded. Lack of transgender men. Possibility of mail being intercepted was unavoidable.	Gender classification may not have identified all eligible transgender prisoners.	Transgender men were not represented. Small sample size.
pursuit of recognition, respect, and belonging. Transgender inmates endured harsh conditions of confinement, including enforced masculine gender norms, denied access to hormone and medical treatments; experience assault, harassment, social isolation and sexual violence.	Transgender prisoners are different to general population prisoners. They are highly stigmatized against, exposed to discrimination, hate, resentment and demeaning treatment. Scrutinized by staff and prisoners. Being transgender was often fused with homosexuality. Demonstrating willingness to fight back provided transgender prisoners some protection from violence and	Transgender negotiation of sexual safety in prison is complex. The experience of rape and/or witnessing violent rape, sexual harassment, and coercive threats may impact transgender psychological and social well-being. In contrast, findings suggest there are elements of pleasure and ease, including perceptions of having a tradable
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Yes	Yes	Yes
Questionnaire via mail. Arts-based inquiry. Strategic and snowball sampling.	In-depth interviews with transgender prisoners. Focus group with random sample of non-transgender prisoners. Focus groups and individual interviews with purposive sample of prison staff.	Semi-structured interviews. Purposive and chain-referral sampling.
Men's correctional facilities: State prisons, pretransitional centers, state correctional institutions, federal correctional complexes, county jails, and US penitentiaries.	4 Pennsylvania prisons for men.	New South Wales prisons. 7 community organizations. 2 incarcerated in women's prison and men's prison incarcerated in men's prisons (majority in protective custody).
n = 23 Transgender persons Identification 12 transgender 8 transsexual 6 women 5 gender queer Ethnicity 10 White 4 Black 9 Other	n = 37 27 prisoners 10 transgender prisoners 20 prison staff Prisones: Age M = 41 years Ethnicity 55.6% Black 27.8% White 8.3% Other Prison staff: 94.7% White	n=7 transgender women Age range 20 to 47 years Ethnicity 2 Australian- Aboriginal 5 Anglo-Australian
USA, California, Texas and Florida	USA, Pennsylvania	Australia, New South Wales
Rosenberg and Oswin (2015) QR = good	Sumner and Sexton (2016) QR = high	Wilson et al. (2017) QR = good

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Limitations	Small sample of transgender women only.	Small sample size.  Non-hormone treatment transgender inmates were not represented.  Lack of pre- intervention survey.
Key findings	(transactional) asset, namely sex. Reported decrease in sexual and physical violence due to (a) increase in prison surveillance (b) different attitudes of new generation criminals/prisoners. Transgender women and effeminate male inmates still greatly experience sexual harassment and are vulnerable to sexual assault if unpartnered for protection or are alone in an area unmonitored by security cameras or prison officers, such as laundries and showers.	Transgender inmate's primary complaint was inability to obtain hormone therapy and almost one third of complaints were not resolved. Further, complaints by almost all transgender inmates indicated health staff require more training and sensitivity towards transgender inmates. The impact of LGBT training for health staff reduced complaints by 50%, 3 months posttraining and after training was revised, no complaints reported at six months posttraining.
HIV/ STI KAP	1	1
Sexual behaviors KAP	A P P	1
Prisoner experiences	Yes	, ≺es
Study design	Exploratory study. Snowball (prisons) and purposive (community) sampling strategy. Face-to face open- ended interviews.	In-person survey. Review of transgender health care related complaints.
Housing	New South Wales men's and women's prisons.	12 New York City Jail clinics.
Population	n = 40 33 men 7 transgender women Age range 20 to 60 years Ethnicity 31 Anglo- European 6 Aboriginal / Aboriginal- European 3 Other	n = 27 25 transgender women 2 transgender men
Country and location	Australia, New South Wales	USA, New York City
Author, year and QR	Yap et al. (2011) QR = good	QR = acceptable New OR = 17

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	Pre-test of survey instrument was not possible. Participants reported previous as well as current incarceration and others grouped transgender and male sexual partners.  Not generalizable to other prisons populations outside K6G.
stressed the need for separate transgender housing and 96% believe "housing criteria should be based on self-identity" (p. 118)	K6G inmates are a high- risk population for HIV/ ST. Due to condom program (weekly access to condoms), 49% of sexual acts were protected. However, reported inadequate condom provisions as well as diminished sexual pleasure, spontaneity, monogamy and HIV seroconcordance contributed to condom
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	Quantitative Survey. Qualitative in-depth semistructured interviews (n = 17). Random sample of K6G inmates.
	Los Angeles County Jail, segregated K6G Unit.
nd quantitative $(n=1)$	n = 101 80 MSM 19 transgender wome Age range 18 to 79 years Median =37 years Ethnicity 22 White 33 Black 36 Hispanic 10 Other
Mixed methods studies - qualitative and quantitative $(n=1)$	Harawa et al. (2010) USA, QR = high California

were of high quality (Beckwith et al., 2017; Culbert, 2014; Harawa, Sweat, George, & Sylla, 2010; Sumner & Sexton, 2016); three were good (Rosenberg & Oswin, 2015; Wilson et al., 2017; Yap et al., 2011); three were acceptable (Brown, 2014; Dolovich, 2011; Jaffer et al., 2016); while one was modest and was retained (Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2014). The richness of the qualitative data reported in Jenness and Fenstermaker (2014) was deemed to enhance findings for this systematic review.

#### **Findings**

Table 1 summarizes the name, study design definitions, and descriptors used across the 11 studies (nine qualitative, one quantitative, one mixed-methods; nine in USA, and two in Australia) which met the criteria for inclusion.

#### **Experiences**

K: knowledge; A: attitudes; P: practices; QR: quality rating; USA: United States of America; K6G: keep-away designation 6G protective custody unit; MSM: men who have sex with men.

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> Eleven studies reported on the experiences of transgender and gender-diverse prisoners with the most frequent themes cited comprising the categories of treatment by prisoners and correctional staff; gender affirming and other health care; living conditions/environment and procedural mistreatment; and housing.

#### Treatment by prisoners and correctional staff

Frequent themes of interpersonal violence, including sexual assault (Brown, 2014; Culbert, 2014; Dolovich, 2011; Jaffer et al., 2016; Rosenberg & Oswin, 2015; Sumner & Sexton, 2016; Wilson et al., 2017; Yap et al., 2011); respect/sensitivity, discrimination, mistreatment, harassment, or stigma from prison staff and other prisoners related to gender and/or sexuality - including homophobia was reported (Brown, 2014; Culbert, 2014; Dolovich, 2011; Jaffer et al., 2016; Sumner & Sexton, 2016; Yap et al., 2011). Prisoners also reported a lack of knowledge and confusion among prison staff and fellow prisoners regarding "gender-diversity" (beyond a heteronormative understanding of the gender binary), and lack of understanding of how gender identity and expression is related to yet distinct from sexual orientation (Sumner &

Sexton, 2016); "they think I'm gay or a gay boy" (Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2014). However, a minority of participants reported increased awareness and acceptance of sexual- and genderdiversity over time and a decline in sexual assaults, which contradicts some of the results found in other studies that were reviewed (Yap et al., 2011); and experiences of not having been victimized as the prisoners were deemed "at risk" populations housed in a specific unit ("keep-away designation 6G" or K6G) within the men's central jail for men who have sex with men and transgender women only, to ensure their safety from the male general population (Dolovich, 2011).

#### Gender affirming and other health care

Lack of access to adequate medical treatment for gender affirming health care, other transgenderrelated concerns (e.g., gender dysphoria) and HIV management were frequently reported (Brown, 2014; Dolovich, 2011; Jaffer et al., 2016; Rosenberg & Oswin, 2015). Furthermore, perceived vulnerability and heightened mental health issues were, in some cases, associated with secondary harm (Brown, 2014; Dolovich, 2011; Harawa et al., 2010; Rosenberg & Oswin, 2015; Wilson et al., 2017). Examples of this secondary harm was linked to prisoners engaging in selfharm such as self-treatment as an attempt to cope with their gender dysphoria (e.g., "selfcastration"; Brown, 2014), attempting suicide, exaggerating mental health symptomatology or refusing medication in an attempt to receive medical attention (Brown, 2014).

### Living conditions/environment and procedural mistreatment

Further themes less frequently discussed included inability to express sexuality for fear of mistreatment and victimization (Dolovich, 2011), high standards and consequences imposed for strict gender regulation associated with birth gender (Rosenberg & Oswin, 2015), and secondary punishment and victimization if not strictly adhering to heteronormative expressions of sexuality and/or gender (Brown, 2014; Sumner & Sexton, 2016). Brown and colleagues cited the following excerpt from a gender-diverse prisoner "[A prison

officer] is condemning me and reprimanding me for being a transgender. Saying it was unnatural and he would write me up for sexual misconduct if I continued to be this way" (Brown, 2014).

#### Housing

Conflicting views were reported regarding segregated housing based on gender and whether this reduces or heightens perceived vulnerability and stressors (Brown, 2014; Dolovich, 2011; Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2014). Regardless, there are distinct challenges for transgender women inmates living in male or female facilities (Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2014; Wilson et al., 2017), with some participants strongly endorsing separate transgender housing (Dolovich, 2011; Jaffer et al., 2016). Similarly, when considering whether transgender women prisoners would prefer to be housed in a women's prison or a men's prison, some reported strong preference of being housed with men because "women... are vicious. They are worse than men. Their hormones are going all the time" (Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2014), while others reported feeling safer and less intimidated in women's prisons (Wilson et al., 2017).

Other themes identified at lesser frequency included legal issues, and policy shortcomings or implications (Brown, 2014; Jaffer et al., 2016; Sumner & Sexton, 2016; Wilson et al., 2017). Thus, individual perceptions and lack of adequate policies regarding how to most effectively manage gender-diverse prisoners can result in their further victimization (e.g., being more likely to be put into protective custody which may result in more perceived harm than benefit; "z-code" assigned single-cell housing; Sumner & Sexton, 2016). It should be noted that evidence included in this review and reported elsewhere in the literature regarding transgender women inmates housed in female facilities is scant, however differences have been noted between genderdiverse people detained in male versus female settings - on topics such as status, identity, relationships, and/or victimization (Brown, 2014; Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2014).

#### Sexual behaviors and sexual violence

Compared to the experiences of transgender and gender-diverse prisoners, evidence regarding

sexual behaviors (knowledge, attitudes, and practices) was more limited. In addition to previously mentioned themes of interpersonal violence, including sexual assault (noted above; e.g., Culbert, 2014), further sexual behaviors discussed included: sexual practices (frequency, partner characteristics, types of sexual practices, sexual risk-taking/condom use; Beckwith et al., 2017; Harawa et al., 2010), contexts of sexual activity (Harawa et al., 2010), reasons for having sex (e.g., boredom, pleasure, exchange sex; Beckwith et al., 2017; Harawa et al., 2010; Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2014; Wilson et al., 2017), and reasons for avoiding/abstaining sex (Harawa et al., 2010). Conversely, "psychosocial reasons" were also associated with reported reluctance to use condoms, such as "perceived HIV seroconcordance with one's partner" when engaging in anal sex, disliking the ways in which condoms feel, and how condoms had a negative impact on "maintaining an erection" (Harawa et al., 2010).

Significant complexities were noted within sexual and intimate relationships (see Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2014), with some participants reporting seeking relationships as a means of protection to reduce the likelihood of assault or victimization from other prisoners (Wilson et al., 2017). There were other accounts of increased susceptibility to harassment or violence when declining sexual or relationship advances from other prisoners (Sumner & Sexton, 2016; Wilson et al., 2017; Yap et al., 2011). These dynamics were reported as both protective and further victimizing. Examples of further victimization include the actual possibility of being physically abused: "If I do that [decline] then they get stroppy, and then sometimes you might be bashed" (Wilson et al., 2017). The ongoing fear and effects of chronic sexual harassment may further negatively impact the psychological wellbeing of the victims (Wilson et al., 2017). Further complexities were reported among some participants that being transgender was associated with heightened status and privilege and greater perceived sexual safety or protection (Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2014; Sumner & Sexton, 2016). "I've been lucky to have guys who look at me as female and then they want to take care of me" (Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2014). Other prisoners reported resorting to perpetuating violence themselves to reduce vulnerability associated with their gender identity (Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2014; Sumner & Sexton, 2016).

Participants in many studies reported on complex sexual relationships whereby coercive and transactional sex were engaged in an attempt to facilitate survival, as adaptive to and to cope with vulnerabilities (Harawa et al., 2010; Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2014; Wilson et al., 2017). Others note that sex seemed consensual at the time, and later realized they were attempting to keep themselves safer (Wilson et al., 2017). Further related themes included: forced sex due to sexual identity (Rosenberg & Oswin, 2015), being "sold for sex" and "exchange sex" (higher among transgender women; Beckwith et al., 2017). Overt attempts were made to avoid sexual assault (e.g., remaining in videoed surveillance areas monitored by custodial staff; Yap et al., 2011), and perceptions of reduced likelihood of sexual assault when housed in a segregated unit for at risk populations, namely men who have sex with men and transgender women inmates (Dolovich, 2011).

#### HIV/STIs prevention and management

Discussion of HIV/STIs was further limited compared to other topics within this review, and tended to focus solely on HIV issues, including challenges and barriers to accessing HIV treatment and maintaining adherence (Beckwith et al., 2017; Culbert, 2014), and lack of sufficient access to prevention (condoms) within prisons (Harawa et al., 2010). Those recently diagnosed or living with HIV reported further challenges regarding stigma, discrimination, mistreatment, and victimization, representing further marginalization (Culbert, 2014; Wilson et al., 2017). In an attempt to reduce victimization, HIV-infected prisoners would also reportedly hide HIV medications or not disclose their status while in jail (Culbert, 2014).

#### **Discussion**

The results of the systematic review reveal limited empirical evidence on prison programmatic activities which explicitly involve the management of transgender and gender-diverse prisoners that ameliorate their experiences of stigma, mistreatment, and violence; provide appropriate living conditions (housing based on gender identity versus sex assigned at birth); and gender affirming health care. Moreover, there is a low number of published studies which satisfy the inclusion criteria for the review. However, further data may be available in studies prior to 2007 and within the gray literature and would be a useful target for future investigation. Another key feature of the results is the very narrow geographical settings in which programs and studies are being conducted. More specifically, being reflective of only two countries (USA and Australia), the literature addressing the research question is limited to 11 studies.

Almost uniformly transgender prisoners experience stigma and discrimination in their everyday lives while incarcerated (Brown, 2014; Culbert, 2014; Dolovich, 2011; Harawa et al., 2010; Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2014; Rosenberg & Oswin, 2015; Wilson et al., 2017; Yap et al., 2011). This stigma comes from other prisoners, prison officers and health care providers (Dolovich, 2011; Hagner, 2010; Sumner & Sexton, 2016) as reported elsewhere (Atabay, 2009; Gatherer et al., 2014; Grant et al., 2011; Jenness et al., 2007a; Scott, 2013; Clark et al., 2017; White Hughto et al., 2018). The reported lack of general, mental and gender affirming health care may be the result of numerous barriers, such as structural stigma, heteronormative culture, and lack of staff with specialized training, prompting urgent attention for the development of interventions to address this significant gap in the health care of transgender and gender-diverse prisoners (Clark et al., 2017; White Hughto et al., 2018). Hyper-heteronormative behaviors are the norm in male prisons and transgender prisoners experience this aggression and violence on a regular basis (Lara, 2010; Reisner, Bailey, & Sevelius, 2014; Robinson, 2011; Rosenberg & Oswin, 2015; Sumner & Sexton, 2015; Wilson et al., 2017). Threats of rape and forced sex (Dolovich, 2011; Hagner, 2010; Jenness & Fenstermaker, 2016; Lara, 2010; Rosenberg & Oswin, 2015; Wilson et al., 2017) make transgender prisoners much more susceptible to HIV/STIs transmission (Atabay, 2009) and inadequate prevention methods, both physical protection by prison officers and barrier methods by ease of condom availability, increase greatly their risk of HIV/STIs transmission (Harawa et al., 2010; Wilson et al., 2017). Nevertheless, a minority of participants were housed in prisons that implemented either higher security measures, such as security cameras in showers and laundries (Yap et al., 2011), or segregated units (Dolovich, 2011) and demonstrate promise of what can be achieved when evidence-based change occur within correctional policy and procedures.

#### Limitations of this review

The current review was limited due to several reasons. The most critical was the very limited research in this area available internationally, of which findings were even more scant in relation to prison staff as compared to transgender and gender-diverse prisoners. Additionally, one article of 'modest' acceptability was deemed by the research team to be included as it provided relevant quotations to the topics of interest and was based on previously published work. Only data from two countries were represented, which limits the generalizability of findings to other contexts. All studies had very small numbers of participants which makes generalization problematic. Further, views from and regarding transgender men were particularly limited across the studies - which in part may reflect demographic characteristics within prisons as well as less definitive or clear categorization (as evidenced by reports from other prisoners and staff members, lack of clarity around gender identity and sexual orientation as related, but distinct constructs; or simply "systematic error" in measurement of gender as binary; Valcore & Pfeffer, 2018). Inclusion criteria solely regarding published literature may limit understanding of possible existing data within the gray literature and other databases not searched. Further limitations include missed studies published in non-English languages or not cited in searched databases.

#### **Conclusions**

The experiences of transgender prisoners within this sample are almost uniformly poor with stigma, discrimination, violence, and sexual exploitation commonly reported. This increases the risks transgender prisoners face in conducting their sexual lives and exposes them to higher risks of HIV/STIs transmission. Contemporary evidence of best practice management of transgender prisoners in the prison system is limited and as such warrants further attention. Prison policy changes that focus on appropriate gender classification, housing and increased access to gender affirming health care are sorely needed. The knowledge and attitudes of many prison officers towards transgender and gender-diverse prisoners, sexual practices and HIV/STIs risks within corrective sites reflects the heteronormative domination of societies. This dismissal of "otherness" results in increased levels of violence (or threats) towards transgender prisoners from both other prisoners and prison officers. The literature on transgender and gender-diverse prisoners, their experiences and management by prison authorities is extremely limited. This lack of discussion may reflect the difficulty in accessing transgender and gender-diverse prisoners for research due to a number of barriers. Ethical barriers may include the difficulty in obtaining appropriate permissions from research ethics committees and/or correctional institutions themselves, due to the controversial nature of pursuing research with this highly vulnerable population (Adams et al., 2017; Apa et al., 2012). Some institutional barriers may be grounded in the prison systems' lack of familiarity with the research team, conflicting perspectives regarding research objectives and/or lack of willingness to "develop a collaborative research relationship" (Apa et al., 2012; Watson & van der Meulen, 2018). Some of these institutional hurdles may be further embedded in an absence of mutual goals or incompatible methodological aspects of proposed studies due to the specific needs and culture within correctional institutions and potential fear of "exposure" resulting in possible negative press or institutional reviews among correctional facilities (Apa et al., 2012; Watson & van der Meulen, 2018). These barriers may collectively restrict researchers, although if overcome they equally present themselves as opportunities to access transgender and gender-diverse

prisoners and signify an important research gap that warrants further investigation.

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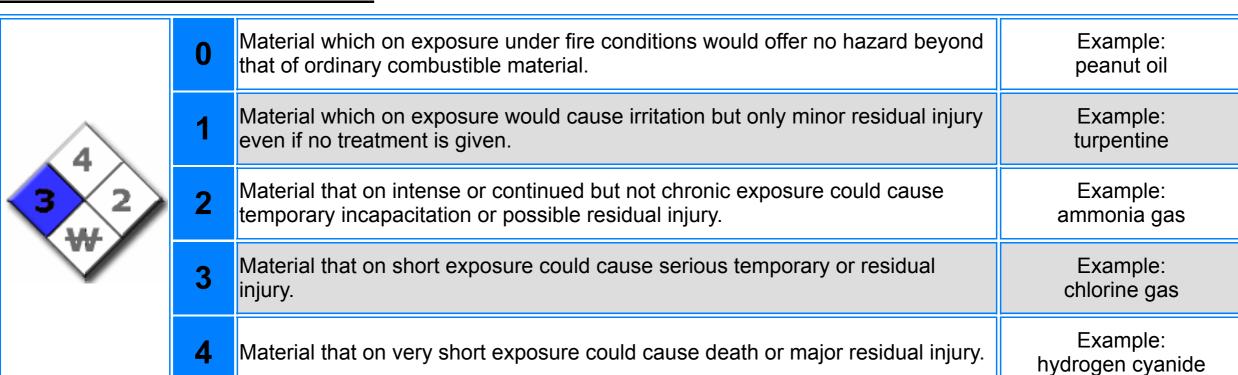
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Vinyltoluene		2	2	2	
Xylenes, o-, m-, p-		2	3	0	
Zylidine, o-		3	1	0	
Zinc Chlorate		1	0	1	ОХ
Zinc Phosphide		3	3	1	
Zirconium Tetrachloride		3	0	2	₩

NOTE: NFPA and other labeling codes are NOT required by OSHA. OSHA has said "...OSHA does not endorse specific services or products. It would, therefore, be inappropriate for OSHA to require a particular labeling system's code on the material safety data sheet." (see official OSHA interpretations). OSHA does have specific labeling requirements that must be fulfilled, but there is no specified format or code system required.

### LABELS

Turpentine

## **HEALTH HAZARD: BLUE**



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### **FLAMMABILITY HAZARD: RED**

	0	Material will not burn.	Example: water
	1	Material must be pre-heated before ignition can occur. Flash Point At or Above 200°F (93.4°C)	Example: corn oil
4	2	Material must be moderately heated or exposed to relatively high ambient temperature before ignition can occur.  Flash Point At or Above 100°F (37.8°C) - Below 200°F (93.4°C)	Example: diesel fuel oil
3 2	3	Liquids and solids that can be ignited under almost all ambient temperature conditions.  Flash Point At or Above 73°F (22.8°C) - Below 100°F (37.8°C)  Boiling Point At or Above 100°F (37.8°C)	Example: gasoline
	4	Materials that will rapidly or completely vaporize at atmospheric pressure and normal ambient temperature, or that are readily dispersed in air and that will burn readily.  Flash Point Below 73°F (22.8°C)  Boiling Point Below 100°F (37.8°C)	Example: propane gas

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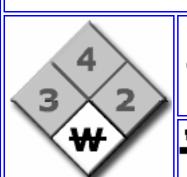
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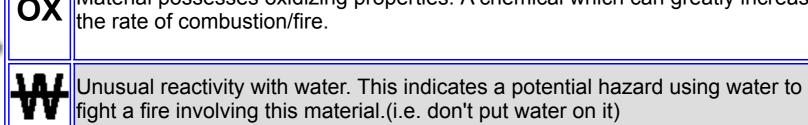
	0	Material that in itself is normally stable, even under fire exposure conditions, and is not reactive with water.	Example: liquid nitrogen
	1	Material that in itself is normally stable, but which can become unstable at elevated temperatures and pressures.	Example: phosphorus (red or white)
3 2	2	Material that readily undergoes violent chemical change at elevated temperatures and pressures or which reacts violently with water or which may form explosive mixtures with water.	Example: calcium metal
	3	Material that in itself is capable of detonation or explosive decomposition or reaction but requires a strong initiating source or which must be heated under confinement before initiation or which reacts explosively with water.	Example: fluorine gas
	4	Material that in itself is readily capable of detonation or of explosive decomposition or reaction at normal temperatures and pressures.	Example: trinitrotoluene (TNT)

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# **SPECIAL NOTES: WHITE**

The fourth, white, field of the hazard signal can have variable content, depending on who prepared the signal. The 1990 edition of the National Fire Codes (section 704, chapter 5) specifies only "TWO" NFPA 704 approved symbols. Additional symbols are commonly included. The field may also be left blank if no special hazards are present.





**OX** Material possesses oxidizing properties. A chemical which can greatly increase the rate of combustion/fire.

Example: ammonium nitrate (fertilizer used in Oklahoma City bomb)

Example: magnesium metal

Other symbols, abbreviations, and words that some organizations use in the white Special Hazards section are shown below.

These uses are not compliant with NFPA 704, but we present them here in case you see them on an MSDS or container label: **ACID** 

**ALK** 

greater than 7.0

This indicates that the material is an acid, a corrosive material that has a pH lower than 7.0

This denotes an alkaline material, also called a base. These caustic materials have a pH

COR

This denotes a material that is corrosive (it could be either an acid or a base).



The international symbol for radioactivity is used to denote radioactive hazards; radioactive materials are extremely hazardous when inhaled.





This is a another symbol used for corrosive.



The skull and crossbones is used to denote a poison or highly toxic material.

Indicates an explosive material. This symbol is somewhat redundant because explosives are easily recognized by their Instability Rating.

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